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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BRADLEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred jointly pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, to the Committees on the Budget and Governmental Affairs, with instructions that if one committee reports, the other committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Spending Reduction  
3 and Budget Control Act of 1995”.

4 **SEC. 2. JOINT RESOLUTION ALLOCATING APPROPRIATED**  
5 **SPENDING.**

6 (a) COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS RESOLU-  
7 TION.—Section 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act  
8 of 1974 is amended to read as follows:

9 “(b) COMMITTEE SUBALLOCATIONS.—

10 “(1) COMMITTEES ON APPROPRIATIONS.—(A)  
11 As soon as practical after a concurrent resolution on  
12 the budget is agreed to, the Committee on Appro-  
13 priations of each House shall, after consulting with  
14 Committee on Appropriations of the other House,  
15 report to its House an original joint resolution on  
16 appropriations allocations (referred to in the para-  
17 graph as the ‘joint resolution’) that contains the  
18 following:

19 “(i) A subdivision among its subcommit-  
20 tees of the allocation of budget outlays and new  
21 budget authority allocated to it in the joint  
22 explanatory statement accompanying the con-  
23 ference report on such concurrent resolution.

24 “(ii) A subdivision of the amount with  
25 respect to each such subcommittee between con-  
26 trollable amounts and all other amounts.

1 The joint resolution shall be placed on the calendar  
2 pending disposition of such joint resolution in  
3 accordance with this subsection.

4 “(B)(i) Except as provided in clause (ii), the  
5 provisions of section 305 for the consideration in the  
6 Senate of concurrent resolutions on the budget and  
7 conference reports thereon shall also apply to the  
8 consideration in the Senate of joint resolutions  
9 reported under this paragraph and conference re-  
10 ports thereon.

11 “(ii)(I) Debate in the Senate on any joint reso-  
12 lution reported under this paragraph, and all amend-  
13 ments thereto and debatable motions and appeals in  
14 connection therewith, shall be limited to not more  
15 than 20 hours.

16 “(II) The Committee on Appropriations shall  
17 manage the joint resolution.

18 “(C) The allocations of the Committees on Ap-  
19 propriations shall not take effect until the joint reso-  
20 lution is enacted into law.

21 “(2) OTHER COMMITTEES.—As soon as prac-  
22 ticable after a concurrent resolution on the budget  
23 is agreed to every committee of the House and Sen-  
24 ate (other than the Committees on Appropriations)  
25 to which an allocation was made in such joint

1 explanatory statement shall, after consulting with  
2 the committee or committees of the other House to  
3 which all or part of its allocation was made—

4 “(A) subdivide such allocation among its  
5 subcommittees or among programs over which  
6 it has jurisdiction; and

7 “(B) further subdivide the amount with re-  
8 spect to each subcommittee or program between  
9 controllable amounts and all other amounts.

10 Each such committee shall promptly report to its  
11 House the subdivisions made by it pursuant to this  
12 paragraph.”.

13 (b) POINT OF ORDER.—Section 302(c) of the Con-  
14 gressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by striking  
15 “such committee makes the allocation or subdivisions re-  
16 quired by” and inserting “such committee makes the allo-  
17 cation or subdivisions in accordance with”.

18 (c) ALTERATION OF ALLOCATIONS.—Section 302(e)  
19 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 “(e) ALTERATION OF ALLOCATIONS.—

22 “(1) Any alteration of allocations made under  
23 paragraph (1) of subsection (b) proposed by the  
24 Committee on Appropriations of either House shall

1 be subject to approval as required by such para-  
2 graph.

3 “(2) At any time after a committee reports the  
4 allocations required to be made under subsection  
5 (b)(2), such committee may report to its House an  
6 alteration of such allocations. Any alteration of such  
7 allocations must be consistent with any actions  
8 already taken by its House on legislation within the  
9 committee’s jurisdiction.”.

10 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO APPROPRIATIONS BILL.**

11 Section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974  
12 is amended by—

13 (1) redesignating subsection (g) as subsection  
14 (h); and

15 (2) inserting after subsection (f) the following:

16 “(g) AMENDMENTS TO APPROPRIATIONS ACT RE-  
17 DUCING ALLOCATIONS.—

18 “(1) FLOOR AMENDMENTS.—Notwithstanding  
19 any other provision of this Act, an amendment to an  
20 appropriations bill shall be in order if—

21 “(A) such amendment reduces an amount  
22 of budget authority provided in the bill and re-  
23 duces the relevant subcommittee allocation  
24 made pursuant to subsection (b)(1) and the dis-  
25 cretionary spending limits under section

1           601(a)(2) for the fiscal year covered by the bill;  
2           or

3           “(B) such amendment reduces an amount  
4           of budget authority provided in the bill and re-  
5           duces the relevant subcommittee allocation  
6           made pursuant to subsection (b)(1) and the dis-  
7           cretionary spending limits under section  
8           601(a)(2) for the fiscal year covered by the bill  
9           and the 4 succeeding fiscal years.

10          “(2) CONFERENCE REPORTS.—(A) It shall not  
11          be in order to consider a conference report on an ap-  
12          propriations bill that contains a provision reducing  
13          subcommittee allocations and discretionary spending  
14          included in both the bill as passed by the Senate and  
15          the House of Representatives if such provision pro-  
16          vides reductions in such allocations and spending  
17          that are less than those provided in the bill as  
18          passed by the Senate or the House of Representa-  
19          tives.

20          “(B) It shall not be in order in the Senate or  
21          the House of Representatives to consider a con-  
22          ference report on an appropriations bill that does  
23          not include a reduction in subcommittee allocations  
24          and discretionary spending in compliance with sub-

1 paragraph (A) contained in the bill as passed by the  
2 Senate and the House of Representatives.”.

3 **SEC. 4. SECTION 602(b) ALLOCATIONS.**

4 Section 602(b)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act  
5 of 1974 is amended to read as follows:

6 “(1) SUBALLOCATIONS BY APPROPRIATIONS  
7 COMMITTEES.—The Committee on Appropriations of  
8 each House shall make allocations under subsection  
9 (a)(1)(A) or (a)(2) in accordance with section  
10 302(b)(1).”.

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